

Report on the Status of the Peer Recovery Specialist Credential (CPRS)

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As of September 12, 2014, 90 applicants have grandfathered in to the CPRS. They come from the following areas around the state:

Western MD (Carroll Co and beyond) – 20

North Central MD (Baltimore City & Co, Harford Co) – 23

Central MD (Howard, Anne Arundel, Montgomery & Prince Georges Co) – 27

Eastern Shore (Cecil Co and below) – 19

Southern MD (Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's Co) – 1

There are 15 applicants who would have grandfathered had their external documents (transcripts, evaluations, supervision forms) arrived by the grandfathering deadline. MAPCB is working with them on a case by case basis to see who we can still grandfather.

The State of Maryland contracted with the Danya Institute to present trainings on the CPRS' 4 Domains. 321 participants attended these courses over a period of 8 months. Many took 3 or 4 courses. There was less than 3% duplication of courses per participant.

These are the attendance figures, as of May 14, 2014:

Advocacy – 106

Ethical Responsibility, or Ethics – 189

Mentoring/Education – 125

Recovery/Wellness Support, or Recovery Plan Development – 131

Supervision for Peer Recovery Specialists - 126

Note on upcoming exam:

The IC&RC has had a prepared exam since December but no one from Maryland has taken it yet. There are 5 applicants who are preparing to take the exam.

It is an on-demand test, so there are no set dates. Two board members have been tasked to develop a test-taking workshop for exam candidates similar to the one given for the addictions credential. It will be presented it twice a year. Names of those who become certified via exam will be published on the website.